

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1080
By Brooks (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to commend Yvonda Shirelle Higgins for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Yvonda Higgins is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Henri E. Brooks and Representative Barbara Cooper; Yvonda's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Higgins graduated from Westwood High School in Memphis, Tennessee, where she received the prestigious honor of being named Valedictorian of her graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Yvonda has continued her impressive academic career at the University of Memphis; she is currently a senior Finance major with a minor in Legal Thought and Liberal Arts and expects to graduate in December 2004; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Higgins contributes her time and talents to numerous laudable organizations, including the Pre-Law Society, MAPS (Making Plans for Success), Tutoring, and the Society for Human Resources Management; and

WHEREAS, through her outstanding excellence in her chosen endeavors, Ms. Higgins has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Yvonda Higgins has excelled outside of the classroom as well; she is a dedicated public servant in her community, volunteering for MIFA (Memphis Interfaith Association) and the Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, Yvonda's display of outstanding aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her myriad accomplishments serve as a source of pride for her parents, James E. Higgins and Yolanda F. Burnett; her brother, Derrick D. Burnett; her daughter, Mikayla Danielle Higgins; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Higgins brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Ms. Higgins has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Yvonda Higgins has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Yvonda Shirelle Higgins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Henri E. Brooks and Representative Barbara Cooper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.